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SUBJECT: POW/MIA'S - TRAVEL BY YOUTH GROUP

REF: A) STATE 131515; B) PARIS 16478

1. GROUP ARRIVED AND DEPARTED SAIGON AS SCHEDULED IN REF A. THEY WERE DELIGHTED WITH CONSIDERATION AND KINDNESS EXTENDED THEM BY THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, AND THEIR RECEPTION BY THE GVN.

2. DURING THEIR STAY THE GROUP CALLED ON THE CHARGE AND ON MR. NGUYEN HOAN, POLITICAL ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THEY RECEIVED DETAILED BRIEFINGS BY BOTH THE US AND GVN DELEGATIONS TO THE FPJMT, AS WELL AS AN OVERALL SITUATION BRIEFING AT THE US EMBASSY. THEY ALSO MET WITH THE PRG DELEGATION TO THE FPJMT BUT WERE REFUSED IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO MEET THE DRV DELEGATION ON THE GROUNDS THAT THEY HAD MET WITH THE DRV IN PARIS. THE GROUP HAD BEEN REFERRED TO THE DRV DELEGATION TO THE FPJMT IN SAIGON (REF B), AND THE FACT
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THAT THEY WERE, IN EFFECT, GIVEN A RUNAROUND, WAS NOT LOST ON

THE GROUP. THEY FELT THAT THEIR MEETING WITH THE PRG HAD LITTLE EFFECT, EXCEPT TO SHOW THE PRG THAT AMERICANS HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN THE MIA'S. THE GROUP CHARACTERIZED THEIR VISIT AS AN EDUCATION IN COMMUNIST TACTICS, AND WERE GENERALLY DISPLEASED WITH WHAT THEY HEARD, DESCRIBING IT AS A "PROPAGANDA LINE."

3. PRESS CONFERENCE HELD PRIOR TO DEPARTURE WAS WELL ATTENDED BY SAIGON WORKING PRESS. AFTER A SHORT STATEMENT, GROUP REPRESENTATIVES ANSWERED QUESTIONS FOR 30 MINUTES.

4. THE GROUP IS A DEDICATED AND COMPETENT REPRESENTATION OF AMERICAN YOUTH. THEY ARE AWARE OF THE IMMENSITY OF THE CASUALTY RESOLUTION TASK AND HAVE NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT IMMEDIATE SOLUTIONS.

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